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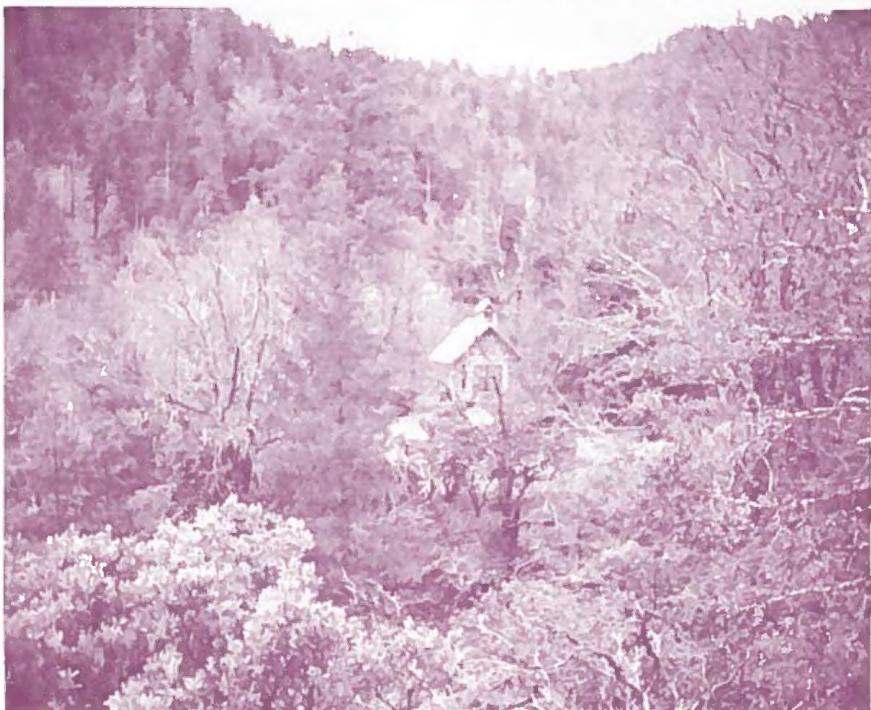
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Editorial

Bon Voyage

With combined feelings of joy and sadness our beloved Assistant Editor Andre Easterday and her sister Charmion Bates left for the northern shores of Oregon.



Camp Serenity and Serenity Sentinel has experienced a DEEP SENSE OF LOSS for dedicated workers for God seem few and far between. Indeed the harvest is ready and the laborers few.

However, we take heart in the knowledge that Mrs. Easterday and her sister will be opening a Camp Serenity region-

al office in the far north to help spread the light of Spiritualism in areas not yet so blessed.

Mrs. Easterday will continue to be Assistant Editor of the Serenity Sentinel and send in her report of Spiritual activities as she and her sister travel the northern plains.

The members and friends of Camp Serenity are united in their good wishes for these truly dedicated workers of Modern Spiritualism. May the angels of light ever guide, guard and protect you in all your spiritual efforts.

Camp Serenity and Serenity Sentinel is indeed blessed in having these highly qualified members to open its first out of state regional office.

Modern Spiritualism

By Suzanne Bray

The inauguration of this great, progressive religious emancipator, known as Modern Spiritualism, was initiated on a phenomenon of Spiritualism! At daylight on March 31, 1848 Andrew Jackson Davis was told that "the work has begun and a living demonstration is born." That evening the work had, indeed, begun and the demonstration followed with the occurrence of the Hydesville, New York rappings. This was the beginning of Modern Spiritualism!

Down through the dawn of ages man has given unlimited testimony proclaiming the fact of spirit communication. Much of this belief was clouded by darkness, ignorance, and superstition. Mankind was blinded by fear and prejudice. Innocent men and women were branded as practicing witchcraft and in league with "evil spirits". What was termed "supernatural" in Ancient Spiritualism is now known and understood as natural phenomena based upon and governed by the Divine Natural Laws of Infinite Intelligence. This, plus the fact that Modern Spiritualism embraces science, philosophy and religion, is the

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A Child Speaks from the World of Spirit

WHENEVER HE DEMANDS ANYTHING you start by giving him false promises with a view to avoid an ugly situation for the time being.

The child lives in expectations throughout the day counting every hour so that the much coveted evening may bring him the desired article. When you return in the evening you speak further lies.

How is this fair?

Never give a false promise to a child. When you give a promise, please carry it out. If your work is very important for yourself, for the child, that article is his very life. If you can get him that, then promise. If not, then frankly tell him that you cannot purchase that thing, but never cause him disappointment by making promises which you never intend to keep. Will you promise that?

Never treat a child with suspicion. If once distrust comes in the child is finished. Whenever you have any doubt about the conduct of the child, call him and have a straight talk with him. When he is in no apprehension of either a beating or threats, he will certainly tell you the truth. Then explain the things to him in a proper manner and convince him how much he would lose by behaving in that way.

Respect the child's aspirations. See where his inclinations go and help him therefor. If he wants books, procure these for him, but never so conduct yourself that he should feel that he is nothing and that you are everything.



On To The Heights

Oh, you who tread the ways of earth,
You are immaculate by birth.
From height to depth, from star to sod,
There is no separate thing from God.
You are in Him, and He in you,
Learn that old platitude anew.
Bask in the knowledge and be free,
All things are yours, for you are He.
He does but manifest through man
The scope and purpose of His plan.
He is the All, and All is One;
We are the beams, and He the sun.
Shine then in glory-light the earth,
You are immaculate by birth
Discard old creeds of fear and sin,
Live to the God who dwells within.
Absorb the grandeur of the Thought,
For thus may miracles be wrought.
Truth is the lock, and Love the key;
All things are yours to do and be.
Go claim the vast stupendous whole—
On to the heights, Immortal Soul!

Ella Wheeler Wilcox

Appreciation

Many of the beautiful messages found in your Serenity Sentinel come from folks like you who want to share with others their wonderful Spiritual experiences.

The Serenity Sentinel is the medium of sharing. Your contributions guarantee the publication.

For your comments and convenience our address is listed in the subscription blank on the last page of the Sentinel.

Prayers of Black Eagle



Infinite Spirit, may we enter into that state of peace, of contentment of mind in which we can see and feel the goodness of God, the reality of Being. May we catch the vision and thus be enabled to take up our work at the dawn of each new day fortified, strengthened. For all Thy blessings we give Thee thanks.



The editorial staff of the Serenity Sentinel wish all of their friends a Joyous Easter of true spirituality.

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It's Easter

When all of Nature becomes alive
After a seeming death,
We know Spring has arrived
With her warm breath.
The flowers, trees and tiny leaves
All awaken to her call,
And over all the earth she weaves
The most beautiful magic of all.
For within the soul of man
He begins to know,
That he is part of this plan
And must awaken to grow.
Let this beautiful Easter time
Awaken the God in you,
You will think and live sublime
Resurrect to that which is true.

(Clair Alice White)

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Respectfully
Nettie Meinhardt
St. Louis, Missouri.

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Portsmouth, New Hampshire

MODERN SPIRITUALISM (Cont'd)
most important distinction between ANCIENT and MODERN SPIRITUALISM.

After the years of "growing pains" leading up to the New Dispensation and the present time, we have a growing religious movement which is well organized and purposeful. We strive to illumine our followers with the "light of truth" in God's revelation that the soul is immortal and "there is no death and there are no dead". Our goal is eternal spiritual progression with the will to serve GOD and MANKIND!



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The Twenty-Third Psalm

HE LEADETH ME BESIDE THE STILL WATERS.

When water is very still, it is very deep and therefore very dangerous. But the God of love leads every soul safely beside the deep waters and will keep their feet from falling off the narrow path. The dangers of life are unable to penetrate the fabric of God's protective cloak....until we invite them in. We choose, and we must bear the burden for those choices, but never does that God desert. Not one step do we take but that He knows of it and all surrounding circumstances, whether good or bad!

FROM FIRE-MIST TO MAN

Evolution Spiritually Interpreted

by Andrew Jackson Davis

It was impossible for Matter to exist without a principle of inherent and eternal production. And it was impossible for the internal, invisible Power to exist without Matter as its accompaniment and Vehicle. In order that this Matter might assume forms, the action of the Great Positive Power was necessary to impel it to higher states of progression. So the Matter thus acted upon was developed until it became an external Equilibrium, or Negative to the internal Positive Power acting upon it. And Thus Positive and Negative were eternally established in Matter. And Matter was thus obliged to obey every impulse, or force given it by the internal Principle.

Previous to the present structure of the Universe, the immeasurable realms of immensity were channels through which flowed seas of unformed materials. Infinitude was filled with elements of divine power and with essences of progressive and eternal tendencies. And residing in the center, yet spreading to the unimaginable circumference, was the Holy Artisan, the Divine Architect. This Almighty Power and Creative Principle is called God.

The eternal elements of his being were conceiving in their utmost depths a sublime creation. For there was then but two great co-eternal principles in all the wide-spread universe - Mind and Mat-

ter, or God and the elements of his physical organization. And having perfected the plan of the Universe, God said with the full cooperation of his indwelling elements and essences of Love - "Let us make Man."

SIX ATTRIBUTES OF WISDOM

And the first attribute of Wisdom, which is Use, said "Man shall be a culmination of universal Nature; he shall be so organized in his body as to receive and elaborate the animating elements of nature into an eternal and unchangeable Soul, and his Soul-being constituted of those principles which are in themselves pure, everlasting and infinite - shall possess and obey the tendency to unfold and progress forever."

And the second attribute of Wisdom, which is Justice said- "Man shall occupy such a position in the Universe as will secure to all things, organized or unorganized, visible or invisible, a permanent equilibrium of power, possessions, and demands."

And the third attribute of Wisdom, which is Power, said- "man shall be created through the mediums and instrumentalities of countless Suns and Planets, and also through the regular and harmonious development of minerals, vegetables, and animals; each of which shall correspond to and represent and embody some particular portion of his organism."

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A Catechism Of Spiritual Philosophy

by W.J. Colville

Q. Do you regard spiritual gifts as entirely distinct from artistic and other endowments, or are they often interwoven?

A. It is very often the case that a spiritual gift works through an artistic tendency of an ordinary sort; as for example music, oratory, painting, and so forth. In these instances the spiritual endowments transcend average normal capacity, enabling its possessor to do more wonderful work than he could accomplish if left entirely to his own unaided resources.

Q. Do you think anyone is altogether unhelped spiritually?

A. No. We are all constantly in touch with unseen forces, but we are not all equally aware that this is so. A singularly gifted individual is one who is more commonly responsive to spiritual suggestions and sometimes capable of clearly beholding and unmistakably identifying spiritual intelligences.

Q. Do you acknowledge a gift of healing?

A. Certainly, this is self-evident, for in many instances, children as well as adults radiate a healing force without their own knowledge, and this is so powerfully felt by invalids that they soon begin to feel benefited in the presence of such persons.

Q. To what can you attribute such a beneficent radiation?

A. Partly to the exceptionally healthy and vigorous condition of the individual, from whom it emanates, and partly to the influence of spiritual helpers who work with, and through, this healthy organism.

Q. Then you teach a doctrine of universal spiritual cooperation?

A. Decidedly we do, and we endorse the beautiful word of Lucy Larcom in

this connection: "Never walking heavenward, can we walk alone."

Q. Can we walk in any direction without unseen companions?

A. No, we cannot; for there is a law of attraction incessantly operative everywhere. Our thoughts and feelings have a very great deal to do with determining the unseen company we keep; but we have guardian spirits who are deeply interested in our welfare, and they work to employ us for good in all cases, even when we do not know of their existence.

Q. Do you think we can help each other to unfold our spiritual gifts?

A. Certainly we can, for the saying is true everywhere: "In union there is strength." Therefore, whenever two or three or any larger number of persons work together mentally, with a common end in view, they form a battery between them which greatly aids the development of all the members of the mystic circle.

Q. Why do you call it a mystic circle?

A. Because people can work together to achieve spiritual results, though their physical bodies may be in different places, often far distant from each other. Distance is no barrier to spiritual intercourse, which depends on spiritual congeniality.

Q. What are the best times and places for definitely cultivating spiritual gifts?

A. The best time for any of us is whenever we find ourselves particularly free from engrossing exterior engagements. Directly we wake in the morning, just when we are retiring at night, and at

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any hour of the day when we are truly at leisure we can profitably turn our attention toward spiritual development. The best places for us are wherever we feel quietest and most at home.

Q. Can we unfold these gifts anywhere and at any time?

A. If we succeed in becoming inwardly restful and receptive, outward conditions are not matters of any great importance.

*God grant me the
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to accept the things I
cannot change...
Courage to
change the things I can
and Wisdom
to know the difference...*

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